*Maintenance of roads by the Transport Department.*

85. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Transport Department has undertaken the maintenance of any of the roads now used by that Department for conducting bus service;

(*b*) if so, the names of such roads and the extent thereof;

(*c*) if such maintenance is undertaken, whether any amount is or was given by the Transport Department to the P. W. Department as contribution for the maintenance of those roads which are exclusively used for the service of the Transport buses, and if any such amount has been given what that amount is and when it was given; and

(*d*) the names of the roads which are now used exclusively for bus traffic by the Transport Department and the amount spent during 1114 for the maintenance of each of those roads?

MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

(*d*) None.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Transport Department has nothing to do with the maintenance of the roads?

MR. K. SANKARAN: All the roads are maintained by Government.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether Government have not given a definite promise that the roads used by the Transport buses will be maintained by the Transport Department?

MR. K. SANKARAN: The Transport Department is making a contribution for the maintenance of roads, by way of toll fees paid in respect of the buses run by the department.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the amount of tolls collected is quite sufficient to maintain those roads?

MR. K. SANKARAN: I do not think that it will be sufficient.

*Power of the Manager of a private school to reduce the pay of teachers.*

86. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Manager of a private school is competent to reduce the pay of a teacher holding a permanent post in that school, without the consent of the teacher and without the permission of the Director of Public Instruction;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction is competent to interfere in a case where the Manager dispenses with the services of a teacher who refuses for a reduction of his pay; and

(*c*) whether the Department has made any provision to check such malpractices of the Managers of private schools in the State?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

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